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Range of Minimum Wages (Rs. Per Day) in different categories of workers in the States given below

Sl.No.	State	Unskilled	Semi-skilled	Skilled
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Kerala	84-174	85-179	87-200
2.	Karnataka	75-99	82-105	85-111
3.	Andhra Pradesh	45-119	-	-
4.	Tamil Nadu	74-117	91-101	94-105
5.	Gujarat	55-92	65-93	86-100
6.	Maharashtra	57-149	59-152	63-168
7.	Uttar Pradesh	57-110	72-112	83-118
8.	Bihar	68-71	70-72	72-86
9.	Madhya Pradesh	57-86	79-90	82-94
10.	Rajasthan	73-82	77-86	81-90

Job opportunities

2674. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job opportunities generated by the MNCs/private sector during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of unskilled/semi-skilled employment opportunities out of that; and

(c) whether Government propose to direct MNCs/private Sector to accord priority to rural candidates in providing employment opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) The employment in private organized sector as on 31st March, 2002, 2003 and 2004 was of the order of 84.32, 84.20 and 82.46 lakhs respectively.

(b) As per the estimates obtained from National Sample Survey Organisation in the year 1999-2000 around 5.35% of the youth in the Labour force received formal vocational training.

(c) Ministry of Labour and Employment is not aware of any such proposal.

Child Labour Welfare Projects

2675. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of child labour in the country as per the latest census;

(b) whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments to furnish details of the works undertaken under the Child Labour Welfare Projects; and

(c) if so, the response of the State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Census conducted by the Registrar General of India is the only authentic data in respect of population of child labour in the country. As per the Census 2001, the number of child labour in the country is 1.26 crore. The State-wise data of number of working children is given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below).

(b) Government of India is implementing the scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 250 districts of 21 States in the country. Funds are given directly to the Project Societies at the district level headed by the District Collector. Under the scheme Children withdrawn from work are put into the Special Schools where these children are provided education, nutrition, vocational training, stipend and health care etc.

(c) Does not arise.

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State-wise Distribution of Working Children according to 2001 Census in the age group 5-14 years

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2001
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1363339
2.	Assam	351416
3.	Bihar	1117500